

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) An isolated protein fraction comprising Factor VIII:C substantially free of platelet agglutinating vWF activity obtained from a factor VIII/vWF-containing solution by cation exchange chromatography and step-wise elution at a salt concentration of between >200mM and <300mM, wherein the factor VIII/vWF-containing solution is a cryoprecipitate, or a supernatant or extract of a recombinant cell culture.

18. (withdrawn--currently amended) A preparation comprising factor VIII:C substantially free of platelet agglutinating vWF activity and obtained as set forth in claim 17, wherein said preparation is virus safe and free from infectious material.

19. (withdrawn) A preparation as set forth in claim 18, wherein said preparation is present in storage-stable form.

20. (withdrawn--currently amended) A preparation as set forth in claim 18, wherein said preparation is formulated in buffer as a pharmaceutical preparation.

21. (cancelled)

22. (withdrawn--currently amended) A method of treating patients suffering from at least one of hemophilia A, phenotypic hemophilia and vWF, comprising administering to said patients an effective dose of the factor VIII:C of substantially free of platelet agglutinating vWF activity and obtained as set forth in claim 17.